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SUBJECT: CANADIAN IMPORT SURCHARGE: LIVE CATTLE AND
FRESH BEEF

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
ITC AND AGR. CANADA MET EARLY NOV. 2 WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RENNER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF STR AND USDA TO
INFORM US ABOUT IMPORT SURCHARGES ON LIVE CATTLE AND FRESH
BEEF DECIDED UPON NOV. 1 AND SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
NOV. 2. CANADIANS ARGUED THAT SERIES OF EVENTS THIS YEAR
HAD CAUSED DISTORTIONS IN CROSS BORDER TRADE IN THESE
PRODUCTS WHICH WOULD RESULT, IF SURTAX NOT IMPOSED FOR
TEMPORARY PERIOD, IN LOSS OF CONFIDENCE BY CANADIAN
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FEEDLOT OPERATORS IN MEAT MARKET AND LOWER SUPPLIES OF

MEAT AND HIGHER PRICES IN COMING YEAR.

2. US SIDE DISPUTED NEED FOR SURCHARGE, NOTING PRICE DIFFERENTIAL ALREADY LOW ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE ABNORMAL TRADE MOVEMENTS, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. EXPORTS WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CANADIAN ACTION. RENNER, WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, SAID THAT CANADIAN MOVE WAS TAKEN WITHOUT GENUINE CONSULTATION OR EFFECTIVE ADVANCE WARNING. HE STATED U.S. WOULD APPROACH CANADIANS REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR CANADIAN ACTION (WHICH EXCEEDS BINDINGS TO US) AT A LATER DATE.

3. WE SUGGESTED THAT CANADA SHOULD NOTIFY GATT. CANADIANS REPLIED THAT ARTICLE XIX DID NOT FIT THIS CASE, AND IMPLIED THAT GATT MIGHT NOT BE NOTIFIED. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT GOC SHOULD NOTIFY GATT OF SURCHARGE AND JUSTIFY IT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE ARTICLE. RUSH

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